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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1721:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of air contaminants in residential areas in certain counties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 382, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 382.0162 to read as follows:

Sec. 382.0162. ANNUAL POLLUTION STUDY IN CERTAIN COUNTIES.

(a) This section applies only to a county with a population of 580,000 or more that is adjacent to a county with a population of 3.3 million or more.

(b) The commission shall conduct an annual study of air contaminant levels in residential areas in the unincorporated area of a county that are located less than 500 feet from an industrial facility.

(c) The air contaminants studied must include those included on the air pollutant watch list described by Section 382.0161.

(d) The commission shall report the results of each study to the commissioners court of each county included in the study.

SECTION 2. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall begin the first study required by Section 382.0162, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, not later than December 1, 2021.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.